

The Broadcast Flag is being requested by an industry in order to squeeze more money from the populace. The movie industry points at "rampant piracy" hurting its profits. But the fact is, VHS and DVD sales are way up. Yes, if I so desired I could download copyrighted movies. However, I would much rather spend \$20 and get the sanctioned DVD and support the movies that I like. Requiring the broadcast flag will put the entertainment industries in the position of dictating how myself and other computer users use their computers. It will squelch useful, non-infringing research because of the fear of one industry. This is the same industry that tried to ban the VCR, a device they swore would RUIN their businesses. Now most of the money from a movie is made from sales of videos AFTER it has left the theaters. Yet, the MPAA is still as short-sighted as ever and requesting this measure that will probably end up hurting them in the long term.